

Softball Parent/Player Meeting 2/29/2024

Call meeting to order - 6:01 pm by John Williams

Introductions - SYBSA board & high school coaches

Revised SYBSA Softball goals w/ addition of HS softball - want to build programs to align with HS softball and allow opportunities for as many girls to play as possible

Rec ball PLUS travel/ more competitive teams at 10U and above divisions playing tournaments outside of Northern Hills

Northern Hills 10 U rule change → 10U open home plate - stealing home is allowed (vs. start halfway through season)

Goal is to have Spearfish playing as close to US softball as possible

Working toward 3rd strike drop ball rule

Tryout teams for 10U, 12 U and older divisions

- Dual league options to play
- Northern hills league requirements - 1-2 games/week w/in NH
- Tryout process - 3rd party evaluators to guarantee fairness
- Uniforms - all will be same - Spearfish colors and logo - so can interchange/move players as needed
- Tryout team fundraising - to help with extra expenses (SYBSA provides fees for all NH tournaments, State tourney, and one outside tourney plus equipment and 1st uniform)

*Fundraising will be organized at a later date - committee/team decisions to determine what they want to participate in

*Coaches - register online and will have a training/practice and work with HS coaches and other coaches for support and help - to create the processes and procedures in line with high school level players

High school softball player restrictions

- Cannot participate in ANY other league or club activity until end of HS season MARCH 11, 2024. SHS can lose program if not followed.

High School player opportunities after HS season

- Join rec team
- Join 14U, 16U tryout team
- Join 18U/High school team to participate in Rapid city league and/or weekend tourneys
- Team information will depend on number of interested players and age groups

Tryouts - all participants must register with SYBSA for insurance purposes

Tryout timeline :

- 3/3 @ young center - optional practice before tryouts
 - 2-3pm 6U & 8 U throwing, fielding, hitting
 - 3-4 pm 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U pitching and catching
 - 4-5 pm 10U & 12 U throwing, fielding, hitting
- 3/10 @ young center - tryout for 12U and older including HS team (11-18 y/o)
- 3/17 @ young center - tryout for 10U
 - 2-5pm
- 3/22 - Tryout teams to be formed

4/1 must be registered for second half of Rapid City League - each player must register online with RC = \$100/player

Exit 17 Sky Ridge Sportsplex update - projected finish by May 1

Spearfish Firecracker Fastpitch Tourney - June 28-30, 2024

To be held at Sky Ridge Sportsplex

Volunteers needed

Fundraiser for SHSSoftball 5 year MOU to help sanctioned HS ball

Rec teams begin seasons →

6U & 8U May 1

10U & 12 May 15

The goal of the Spearfish Youth Softball and Baseball Association (SYBSA) is to provide opportunities for girls that want to play competitive softball in Spearfish. SYBSA provides girls with the opportunity to practice and play in the Northern Hills league. Additionally, SYBSA offers tryout teams in the 10U and older divisions. These tryout teams have the option to also participate in the Rapid City league with a broader spectrum of teams to play. In conjunction and with the guidance of the high school softball coaches, SYBSA is promoting the sanctioning of high school softball by fundamentally preparing these girls to play at a higher competitive level.

DIVISION INFO

6U & 8U

· Goal: To provide young girls with an opportunity to explore the game of softball and develop fundamental skills required to play.

· Season: April through early July, games will start in May. League games will be in Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Deadwood and Sturgis.

- Practices: 6U division will practice in Spearfish beginning in April. League games begin in mid-May.
- Team: Teams will be formed to play in the Northern Hills League. League games are in Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Deadwood, and Sturgis. Girls will be divided into teams per the SYBSA's board discretion.

10U, 12U, 14U & 16U Recreation teams

- Goal: To provide an opportunity for girls that want to play competitive softball, in Spearfish and the Northern Hills league.
- Northern Hills Season: April through mid-July. Team(s) will play in the Northern Hill League and Northern Hills Tournaments. League games begin in May. Teams will be formed to play in the Northern Hills League. League games are in Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Deadwood, and Sturgis.
- Practice: Recreational team will practice in Spearfish with practices beginning in April.
- Team: Player will be assigned to teams by age division first. Depending on the numbers of girls in each age division, teams will be formed according to SYBSA's board discretion.

10U, 12U, 14U, 16U & High School Tryout teams

- Goal: To provide an opportunity for girls who want to play more competitive softball. Tryout teams are required to participate in the Northern Hills League and have the option to participate in the Rapid City League. Additionally, the tryout team may choose to play tournaments outside of the Northern Hills league, albeit the Spearfish tournament will be required.
- Northern Hills Season: April-July, with games beginning in May. Tryout teams are required to participate in 1-2 games a week during the Northern Hills League season.
- Dual League Option: The Rapid City summer league has two season options; *full season* (Late April-July) or *half season* (June 1-July). Rapid City League games are

played in Rapid City. Registration into the Rapid league is the responsibility of the parents/coaches of the tryout team.

- Practice: Starts at the beginning of April. The tryout team will practice in Spearfish.
- Tryouts: Team(s) will be formed by tryout coordinators, this may include SYBSA board members and past coaches however, no parent of an actively participating child will be involved in team selection.

Guidelines for tryout and dual- league teams:

- SYBSA is the governing body
- Tryouts will take place yearly
- Teams will fundraise to cover extra tourney fees and expenses incurred
- Teams must play NH league game as scheduled
- Teams must join the NH league and have the option to join the RC league
- Teams are required to participate in all Spearfish Tournaments

Adjourn 6:47 pm Comment cards and board available for questions etc following the meeting

Thank you for coming and giving Spearfish girls opportunities for playing softball!!